

PALLID MANZANITA HABITAT

Priority Conservation Area APPLICATION

This aptly named PCA is defined by a sizable portion of Oakland hills that provides habitat for the Pallid Manzanita species. The plant was identified by community group Friends of Sausal Creek as important to protect through conservation efforts. The Pallid Manzanita Habitat PCA also includes creeks and the beginning of a priority stream, making it important to aquatic ecosystems as well as terrestrial and earning it the designation of Natural Landscape.

As a Natural Landscape, it benefits **Terrestrial Ecosystems, Water Supply & Water Quality** and **Aquatic Ecosystems**. Co-benefits include Recreation and Climate & Resilience.

Because the entirety of the PCA is habitat for the Pallid Manzanita, the PCA benefits Terrestrial Ecosystems by protecting a critical area known to support the population of an endangered species.

There are also several Open Creeks, determined by the City of Oakland, that flow through the PCA boundaries. A tributary of Sausal Creek, a CLN Priority Stream, begins within the Pallid Manzanita Habitat. The PCA contains multiple Undeveloped Creekside Parcels, assessed by the City of Oakland to have less than \$10,000 in improvements, which would provide an opportunity to preserve creek functions. These water features benefit Aquatic Ecosystems by protecting targeted streams, they benefit Terrestrial Ecosystems by protecting critical riparian corridors and the diversity of animals using them, and they benefit Water Supply & Water Quality by supporting watershed health and protecting downstream water uses. They provide co-benefits of Climate & Resilience and Recreation.